
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION, AND HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS NETWORK TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO COMMISSION A NEW STUDY SUGGESTING UPDATES TO THE SCHOOL IMPACT FEE FORMULA AND DIFFERENTIATING THE LAND REQUIREMENTS FOR GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF URBAN AREAS.

1 WHEREAS, new residential developments within identified
2 school impact districts create additional demand for public
3 school facilities; and
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5 WHEREAS, a study commissioned by the State has identified
6 the land dedication requirement that is consistent with
7 proportionate fair-share principles and the net capital cost of
8 school facilities, excluding land costs, that is consistent with
9 proportionate fair-share principles; and
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11 WHEREAS, section 302A-1601, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
12 requires new residential developments within designated school
13 impact districts to provide land for schools or pay a fee in
14 lieu of land proportionate to the impacts of the new residential
15 development on existing school facilities; and
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17 WHEREAS, the East Kapolei, University of Hawaii-West Oahu,
18 West Loch, Waipahu, Leeward Community College, Pearl Highlands,
19 Pearlridge, and Halawa Makai rail stations are located in the
20 Leeward Oahu School Impact Fee District; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is analyzing the
23 impact rail stations will have in urban Honolulu from the Middle
24 Street Station to the Ala Moana Station; and
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26 WHEREAS, land dedication for public school facilities over
27 large acreages of land is no longer feasible along the rail
28 transit route; and
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1 WHEREAS, transit-oriented development presents a unique
2 opportunity to redevelop public school buildings or construct
3 new public school buildings; and
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5 WHEREAS, rail transit will provide opportunities for
6 greenfield development around Leeward Oahu rail stations and
7 redevelopment of urban areas; and
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9 WHEREAS, designing new urban schools vertically, similar to
10 other city architecture, will allow the Department of Education,
11 State Public Charter School Commission, and Hawaii Public
12 Charter Schools Network to engage in public-private partnerships
13 that will decrease the cost of new facilities and maintenance;
14 now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
18 that the Department of Education, State Public Charter School
19 Commission, and Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network are
20 requested to develop a plan to commission a new study for the
21 purposes of suggesting updates to the school impact fee formula
22 and differentiating land requirements for greenfield development
23 and redevelopment of urban areas; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
26 State Public Charter School Commission, and Hawaii Public
27 Charter Schools Network are requested to establish criteria for
28 identifying appropriate locations for vertical school
29 development; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that vertical school development is
32 not limited to construction of a new Department of Education
33 school, but may also include the use of space in a privately
34 owned building; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
37 State Public Charter School Commission, and Hawaii Public
38 Charter Schools Network submit a report of their findings and
39 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
40 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
41 the Regular Session of 2016; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include any
2 appropriation request necessary for the completion of the study;
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,
7 Executive Director of the State Public Charter School
8 Commission, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Charter
9 Schools Network.

